

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
TO 19  
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MANCHESTER,  
ON THE WORKING OF THE  
PUBLIC  
FREE LIBRARIES.

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## MANCHESTER PUBLIC FREE LIBRARIES.

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The Public Free Library Committee submit herewith the Seventh Annual Report, for the year ending 5th September, 1859, shewing the working of the Chief Library in Camp Field, and the Branch Libraries in Hulme and Ancoats.

On behalf of the Committee,

HARRY RAWSON, *Chairman.*

*Town Hall, October 21st, 1859.*

### DAYS OPEN.

During the year the Chief Library has been open for 294 days, the Ancoats Branch for 295 days, and the Hulme Branch for 298 days.

The full year, as regards the Chief Library, is thus accounted for :—

TABLE I.

	Days.
Sundays .....Closed	52
Cleaning the Premises and Examining the Books, three days at each date; 30th November, 1858, 22nd February, and 31st May, and for five days (for painting) from August 30th, 1859 .....	14
October 30th, 1858: Funeral of the late Sir John Potter, M.P., Chairman of the Library Committee.....	1
Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday .....	3
April 30th, 1859: Polling Day, Manchester Election .....	1
Library open .....	294
	365

TABLE II.

STOCK OF BOOKS IN ALL THE DEPARTMENTS AT SEPTEMBER 5th, 1859.

CLASS.	Vols. in Reference Library.	Vols. in Campfield Lending Library.	Vols. in Hulme Branch.	Vols. in Ancoats Branch.	TOTALS.
I. & II. THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY...	1,669	353	94	127	2,243
III. HISTORY .....	8,827	3,882	1,378	1,789	15,876
IV. POLITICS AND COMMERCE .....	5,218	743	66	60	6,087
V. SCIENCES AND ARTS .....	2,051	827	361	460	3,699
VI. LITERATURE AND POLYGRAPHY	6,941	5,393	2,243	1,963	16,540
SPECIFICATIONS OF PATENTS ...	2,306	...	...	...	2,306
ROCHDALE-ROAD BRANCH .....	...	...	..	...	2,511
MISCELLANEOUS NOT CLASSED OR ALLOCATED .....	...	...	...	...	1,144
EDUCATIONAL BOOKS, SETS OF BOOKS, MAPS, CHARTS, &c..	...	...	...	...	834
TOTALS .....	27,012	11,198	4,142	4,399	51,240

The increase for the year is 3,241 volumes. Of these there have been allocated to—

TABLE III.

	Volumes.
Camp Field Lending Department (including replacement of worn out volumes) .....	817
Hulme Branch.....	293
Ancoats Branch .....	164
Rochdale Road Branch .....	110
Educational Works.....	834
Reference Library .....	1,023
	3,241

Apart from the contributions to the Educational Department, to be referred to hereafter in this Report, the Donations having the strongest claims to special notice are the munificent gifts of T. B. Potter, Esq., consisting of 138 volumes, 121 pamphlets, and about 2,000 Parliamentary Blue Books and Papers; of the United States Government; and of the Smithsonian Institution, with other American donors. The valuable contributions of Messrs. Bazley and Turner, and Messrs. Councillors Crewdson, Leigh, and Curtis, have been most acceptable and appropriate. The contributions of Messrs. Potter, Bazley, and Turner, comprise a nearly complete series of the Parliamentary Books and Papers for the Sessions 1857 to 1859.

## AGGREGATE ISSUES.

The following Tables show the Aggregate Issues for the past and for the preceding year,—the Aggregate Issues for each year since the Library was opened,—and the number of Visitors in a given week to the News Rooms at Camp Field and at the Hulme and Ancoats Branches:—

TABLE IV.

AGGREGATE ISSUES FROM ALL THE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING  
5TH SEPTEMBER, 1859 and 1858, RESPECTIVELY.

	Volumes Issued.	
	1859.	1858.
To Readers in the Reference Department, Camp Field ...	115,206	122,722
“ Borrowers from the Lending “ .....	75,449	98,351
“ “ “ Branch Libraries.....	114,857	88,187
	305,512	309,260

TABLE V.

AGGREGATE ISSUES FOR EACH YEAR SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS OPENED.

YEARS.	Issues at the Chief Library.		Issues at the Branch Libraries.	AGGREGATE ISSUES.	AVERAGE DAILY ISSUES.
	In the Reference Department.	In the Lending Department.			
	Vols.	Vols.	Vols.	Vols.	Vols.
1st Year, 1852-53.....	61,080	77,232	.....	138,312	455
2nd “ 1853-54.....	64,578	77,767	.....	142,345	478
3rd “ 1854-55.....	66,261	81,321	.....	147,582	495
4th “ 1855-56.....	70,770	85,783	.....	156,553	522
5th “ 1856-57.....	101,991	96,117	.....	198,108	666
6th “ 1857-58.....	122,722	98,351	88,187	309,260	1,131
7th “ 1858-59.....	115,206	75,449	114,857	305,512	1,042
Totals.....	602,608	592,020	203,044	1,397,672	

TABLE VI.

RETURN OF THE NUMBER OF VISITORS IN A WEEK TO THE NEWS ROOMS AT  
CAMP FIELD, AND AT HULME AND ANCOATS.

(At Camp Field for the week ending August 27th, and at Hulme and Ancoats for the week ending September 3rd, 1859. The Return excludes in each case persons visiting the Library to return or take out Books from the Lending Departments.)

	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednsdy.	Thursday	Friday.	Saturday.	Total in Six Days.	Daily Average.
Camp Field....	1,539	1,199	1,311	1,270	1,220	1,196	7,735	1,289
Hulme.....	332	311	332	338	292	326	1,931	322
Ancoats.....	316	319	320	360	301	298	1,914	318
Total.....	2,187	1,829	1,963	1,968	1,813	1,820	11,580	1,929

TABLE VII.

MONTHLY AGGREGATE ISSUES FROM THE REFERENCE AND LENDING DEPARTMENTS, CHIEF LIBRARY, WITH DAILY AVERAGES OF THE MONTHLY ISSUES.

MONTH.	Vols. issued from the REFERENCE Department.	Vols. issued from the LENDING Department.	AGGREGATE No. of Vols. issued in each Month.	DAILY AVERAGE for the Month of the Aggregate Issue.
1858.				
September 6—30 .....	8,407	6,365	14,772	680
October .....	8,103	7,502	15,605	624
November .....	8,716	6,773	15,489	617
December .....	7,500	6,997	14,497	630
1859.				
January .....	18,120	7,855	25,975	1,039
February .....	10,095	6,151	16,246	805
March .....	10,549	7,934	18,483	685
April .....	9,163	5,987	15,150	631
May .....	10,379	5,484	15,863	627
June .....	7,235	4,362	11,597	504
July .....	8,652	5,396	14,048	541
August .....	8,287	4,643	12,930	505
Total Issues.....	115,206	75,449	190,655	mean average 658

The number of volumes at the service of readers in the Reference Department is estimated at about 25,000 ; each volume has accordingly been required about five times. The volumes in the Lending Department are estimated at 10,500 ; and on this estimate each volume has been borrowed seven times during the year.

#### BOOKS IN DEMAND.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Subjoined are illustrations of the books in the several classes required by readers in the Reference Department. The statement refers to the winter months.

	Average No. of Vols. Issued Daily.		Average No. of Vols. Issued Daily.
Clarke's Commentary on the Bible.	6	Thompson's Encyclopædia of the Arts .....	4
Barnes's Notes on Books of the Bible	6	Atlases:—Black's, Arrowsmith's, Slater's, and others.....	4
Henry's Commentary .....	3	Weale's Series. Rudimentary (Arts and Sciences) and Educational (Dictionaries and Histories), &c.	9
Gill's " .....	3	Webster's Dictionary .....	3
Kitto's Cyclopædia of Biblical Literature .....	2	Imperial " .....	2
Encyclopædia Britannica .....	8	Dictionaries and Lexicons,—Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French, &c.	4
Cassell's Popular Educator .....	9	Shakspeare's Works (three editions)	5
Ure's Dictionary of the Arts .....	6	Byron's Works, (three editions, with Life by Galt, Moore, and Leigh Hunt) .....	4
Handbook of Chemistry .....	5		
Knapp's Chemistry .....	3		
Sowerby's Botany .....	4		
Cuvier's Natural History .....	3		
Bell's Anatomy .....	3		
Thompson's Law Dictionary .....	2		



	Average No. of Vols. Issued Daily.
Burns's Life and Works, (three editions) .....	4
Moore's Poetical Works.....	3
Tennyson's " .....	2
Hood's " .....	2
Spencer's " .....	2
Goethe (translations) .....	2
Histories of England by Macaulay, Lingard, Hume and Smollett,	

	Average No. of Vols. Issued Daily.
Rapin, Kennett, Vaughan, Froude, and Knight, aggregate daily average .....	9
Alison's Europe .....	3
Gibbon's Rome .....	2
NEWSPAPER FILES:—	
Manchester Papers .....	6
The Times .....	3
" Gazette.....	2

Amongst other works much in demand, most of them oftener than once daily, are—

Calmet's Dictionary of the Bible.  
Paley's Works.  
Brougham's Discourses on Natural Theology.  
Reid on the Powers of the Human Mind.  
Wheeler's History of Manchester.  
Foundations of Manchester.  
Smith on Dyeing.  
Hugh Miller's Geological Works.  
Curtis's Flora Londonensis.  
Bourne on the Steam Engine.  
Tredgold "  
Knox's Fau's Anatomy,  
Ruskin's Stones of Venice.  
" Modern Painters.

Weber's Musical Grammar.  
Callecott's "  
Malte Brun's Geography.  
De Morgan's Arithmetic.  
Morrison's Bookkeeping.  
Latham's Handbook of the English Language.  
QUARTERLY REVIEWS:—The British Quarterly, the Edinburgh, the National, the North British, the Quarterly, and the Westminster Reviews.  
MAGAZINES & JOURNALS:—The Atlantic Monthly, Blackwood's, Frazer's, Chambers', the Eclectic, the Gentleman's, and Tait's Magazines, &c.

## PARTICULARS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

### I.—THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

TABLE VIII.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE ISSUES FROM THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1859.

Seventh Year, 1858-59.							
MONTH.	I. THEOL.	II. PHILO.	III. HISTORY.	IV. POLITICS and CMMRCE.	V. SCIENCES and ARTS.	VI. LITERATURE and POLYGRA.	TOTALS.
1858.							
September 6—30..	257	51	1,331	2,754	816	3,198	8,407
October .....	235	48	1,295	2,082	700	3,743	8,103
November .....	315	73	1,387	2,411	768	3,762	8,716
December .....	238	126	1,240	1,689	695	3,512	7,500
1859.							
January.....	305	157	1,722	10,197	864	4,875	18,120
February.....	282	59	1,435	3,791	676	3,852	10,095
March.....	334	73	1,965	2,672	974	4,531	10,549
April .....	235	73	1,430	3,802	641	2,982	9,163
May .....	278	60	1,292	4,975	792	2,982	10,379
June .....	207	42	855	3,269	790	2,072	7,235
July.....	333	45	1,076	3,928	649	2,621	8,652
August .....	298	59	1,244	3,105	670	2,911	8,287
*September 1—5...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3,317	866	16,272	44,675	9,035	41,041	115,206

\* Closed for Painting.

TABLE IX.

CLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL ISSUES IN THE REFERENCE  
DEPARTMENT.

Class.	Vols. issued in the First Year, 1852-3.	Vols. issued in the Second Year, 1853-4.	Vols. issued in the Third Year, 1854-5.	Vols. issued in the Fourth Year, 1855-6.	Vols. issued in the Fifth Year, 1856-7.	Vols. issued in the Sixth Year, 1857-8.	Vols. issued in the Seventh Year, 1858-9.	Aggregate Issues for the Seven Years.
I. THEOLOGY.....	1,184	1,348	1,394	2,153	2,218	3,395	3,317	15,009
II. PHILOSOPHY.....	1,569	1,417	1,382	970	1,453	1,751	866	9,408
III. HISTORY.....	22,864	20,538	18,867	17,310	21,384	24,642	16,272	141,877
IV. POLITICS.....	2,328	2,395	3,609	6,609	25,654	32,133	44,675	117,403
V. SCIENCES and ARTS.	8,618	8,578	9,279	10,427	9,364	10,922	9,035	66,223
VI. LITERATURE & POLY- GRAPHY.....	24,517	30,302	31,730	33,301	41,918	49,929	41,041	252,738
TOTAL.....	61,080	64,578	66,261	70,770	101,991	122,772	115,206	602,658

## SPECIFICATIONS OF PATENTS.

The total number of Specifications of Patents received from Her Majesty's Commissioners to the 5th September last is 33,224. During the past year 5,145 Specifications have been received (including a large number under the Old Patent Law), with 796 Titles; Catalogue of the Commissioners' Library, 2 vols.; Abridgements of the Patents relating to Paper, Firearms, Bleaching, and Printing, 5 vols.; Supplement to the Series of Specifications, Vol. 1.; Price Lists, Directions for Binding, and three vols. of Indexes, Alphabetical and of Subject Matter.

The public usefulness of this Department is made manifest by the steadily increasing number of References to the Specifications.

TABLE X.

SPECIFICATIONS OF PATENTS. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO AND NUMBER OF REFERENCES FOR THE YEARS ENDING SEP. 5TH, 1857, 1858, AND 1859, RESPECTIVELY.

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO.	No. of References.		
	1859.	1858.	1857.
ADHESIVE SUBSTANCES.....	144	...	141
AGRICULTURE .....	118	242	622
ALARUMS, SNARES, &c.....	4	38	...
BUILDING MATERIALS and PROCESSES.....	1,342	1,326	941
BEARINGS, WHEELS, &c. ....	235	748	363
BREWING and DISTILLING.....	15	152	286
BRUSH MAKING, &c.....	...	24	...
BOOTS, SHOES, CLOGS, &c.....	131	...	256
CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS .....	1,829	355	...
CLOCKS and WATCHES .....	74	340	...
CUTTING and WORKING WOOD.....	209	176	...
COACHES and other ROAD CONVEYANCES.....	...	...	160
DYEING and COLOURING .....	692	260	257
ENGRAVING and PRINTING .....	1,162	420	1,069
	5,955	4,081	4,095



## SPECIFICATIONS OF PATENTS.—(Continued.)

SUBJECTS REFERRED TO.	No. of References.		
	1859.	1858.	1857.
BROUGHT FORWARD.....	5,955	4,081	4,095
ELECTRICITY and GALVANISM .....	217	98	...
EMBOSSING, GILDING, &c.....	2	76	53
FIREARMS .....	343	8	...
GAS MANUFACTURE .....	8,785	718	264
GRINDING, &c. ....	...	384	...
GLASS .....	...	192	...
HOISTING MACHINES.....	115	602	158
INDIA RUBBER and GUTTA PERCHA.....	63	258	449
LIGHT and LIGHTING .....	9	286	...
LOCKS and KEYS .....	...	100	184
METALS and METALLIC SUBSTANCES .....	198	1,061	2,197
MOTIVE POWER and PROPULSION .....	221	437	1,243
MEASURING and NUMBERING .....	4	258	490
METALS, Cutting and Working .....	204	202	...
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.....	268	120	100
MANURE .....	21	...	...
NAILS and SCREWS .....	8	119	195
OLEAGINOUS SUBSTANCES ... ..	1,094	2,466	1,429
PAPER MAKING .....	36	686	1,190
PRESERVING and COOKING .....	24	120	...
PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS .....	...	187	276
PACKING and PRESSING.....	46	116	...
PAINT and PAINTING.....	...	109	...
PAVING and ROAD MAKING .....	...	50	...
RAILWAYS and RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK .....	839	1,295	2,185
REFRIGERATING and COOLING .....	40	26	...
STEAM and STEAM ENGINES.....	2,717	3,169	728
SMOKE PREVENTION .....	1,056	1,378	206
SEWING MACHINES .....	1,100	626	578
SOAP MANUFACTURES .....	256	320	97
SHIPBUILDING and NAVIGATION .....	1	126	...
STONE WORKING .....	8	78	...
SUGAR .....	1,792	...	...
SUNDRIES, under various other Classes .....	440	28	509
TEXTILE FABRICS, and Processes connected therewith..	8,414	6,261	1,639
TOOLS FOR MECHANICAL PURPOSES .....	202	839	64
TANNING and CURRYING .....	2	250	250
TELEGRAPHS and SIGNALS .....	100	120	503
TAR, PITCH, and RESIN .....	1	113	48
TRUNKS, BOXES, BAGS, &c. ....	...	120	65
TYPE FOUNDRY .....	20	...	...
UMBRELLAS .....	230	...	...
VENTILATION.....	23	...	120
WATER and other FLUIDS, Conducting and Filtering...	525	326	1,462
WORKING OF PEARL, IVORY, BONE, &c. ....	34	47	...
WEARING APPAREL .....	26	...	100
MISCELLANEOUS (being unbound the Classification could not be taken) .....	1,533	...	...
	36,972	27,837	20,877

## REFERENCE LIBRARY CATALOGUE.

The Committee have to announce that the subject matter for the Catalogue of Classes I. and II., Theology and Philosophy, is now ready for the press, and that a contract for printing these two Classes has been accepted.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The circumstances under which a collection of Educational Books, Maps, Diagrams, and Teaching Apparatus was added to the Library are fully set forth in the Appendix to this Report. (See Appendix C. and D.)

After referring to these Appendices, it may be enough to subjoin the following abstract, respecting the Books, Maps, &c., received up to the 5th September last, and to refer to Appendix B. for the Donors and the numbers of the Books, &c., contributed.

Abstract of the Number of Books, Maps, Prints, &c., received ; of the Value thereof at Publisher's Prices ; with a list of the Contributors.

TABLE XI.

## 1.—NUMBER OF BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

(Classified.)

CLASS.	Number of Vols. &c.
Agriculture .....	2
Algebra .....	9
Architecture.....	2
Arithmetic .....	35
Astronomy .....	9
Biographies (in English) .....	9
Book-keeping (including <i>sets</i> of Model Books) .....	13
Botany .....	5
Chemistry .....	6
Drawing (including <i>series</i> of Books and Sheets) .....	19
English :—	
Spelling and Reading Books.....	53
Grammars .....	19
Dictionaries .....	17
Composition, Derivation, &c.....	12
Poetry, Criticism, Logic, and Miscellaneous .....	23
Fine Arts—Music .....	5
(See also Drawing and Architecture.)	
Geography :—	
Class Books .....	52
Atlases, Maps, Charts, &c. ....	80
Geology .....	3

TABLE XI.—(Continued.)

CLASS.	Number of Vols. &c.
Histories in English:—	
General and Sacred History.....	27
Great Britain and Ireland and British Possessions.....	33
Foreign Countries, Ancient and Modern .....	25
Infant Treatment and Instruction.....	5
Languages, Foreign, Ancient and Modern:—	
Hebrew .....	1
Greek .....	13
Latin .....	61
French .....	48
German .....	66
Italian .....	2
Spanish .....	4
Mathematics: including Geometry, Trigonometry, Conic Sections, Fluxions, Calculus (Integral and Differential). (See also Algebra, Arithmetic, and Mensuration) .....	26
Mechanics, Practical, the Steam Engine, &c.....	25
Mensuration. (See also Mathematics.).....	3
Mental and Moral Philosophy .....	2
Miscellaneous Educational Books, Prints, and Teaching Apparatus.....	16
Natural History and Philosophy: including Acoustics, Conchology, Electricity, Entomology, Ethnography, Galvanism, Magnetism, Matter and Motion (Laws of), Metallurgy, Meteorology, Optics, Ornithology, Physiology (Animal and Vegetable), Pneumatics, Science (General Treatises), Zoology .....	49
(See also Astronomy, Botany, Chemistry, and Geology.)	
Political, Social, and Domestic Economy .....	8
Religious Instruction .....	20
Teaching and School Management, (including a set of School Registers). Writing, (including sets of copy-books).....	4
	14
	834

2.—VALUE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT PUBLISHERS' PRICES,  
£162. 9s. 4d.

3.—LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.\*

Black, (A. and C.) Edinburgh.	Macmillan & Co., London & Cambridge.
Cassell, Peter, and Galpin, London.	Nutt, (David) London.
Chambers, (W. and R.) Edinburgh.	Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh.
Coustable, (Thos. and Co.) “	Parker, (J. W.) and Son, London.
Darton and Co., London.	Religious Tract Society.
Dean and Son, “	Simpkin, Marshall, & Co., London.
Hall, Virtue, and Co. “	Stanford, (Edward) “
Heywood, (John) Manchester.	Thom, (Alex. and Sons) Dublin.
Johnston, (W. and A. K.) Edinburgh.	Ward and Loch, London.
Longman and Co., London.	Wyld James, Geographer to the Queen.

*The Educational Books and Apparatus are now open for Exhibition.*

\* Valuable contributions have been received since the 5th September from the British and Foreign School Society, and from Messrs. J. and C. Mozley. A number of the books, maps, &c., contributed, are published at from one to three guineas. The contribution of one firm is worth, at publishing prices, about £26.

## IMPROVED ACCOMMODATION AND LIGHTING AND WARMING,—CHIEF LIBRARY.

During the past year the Museum Room has undergone important alterations. It has been fitted with gas and with shelves, and is now capable of receiving a number of the constantly increasing series (the Specifications of Patents in particular) for which it is difficult to find space in the Reference Library. About 2,000 volumes (exclusive of the Rochdale-road Branch Books) have been removed to the Museum Room, and it has now been ascertained that this increased accommodation will greatly facilitate good order and efficiency in the Reference Library.

During the last year also the improved warming apparatus has been completed in the Reference Library; it has proved efficient and satisfactory. A hygrometer has been placed in the Reference Library, and a periodical registration is made of its indications. The extremes between the thermometer and the hygrometer have been from 4 to 9 degrees, the mean being about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  degrees. The range of temperature (in the winter months) since the warming apparatus was completed has been from 57 to 63 degrees, which is found to be sufficiently high.

The Committee have pleasure in stating that the improvement in the lighting of the Reference Library has rendered it entirely satisfactory in this respect, and has considerably improved the ventilation.

These important and satisfactory alterations at Camp Field have been executed under the direction of Mr. Lynde, the City Surveyor.

## II.—CHIEF LIBRARY.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE ISSUES FROM THE LENDING DEPARTMENT, CAMP' FIELD,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1859.

TABLE XII.

Seventh Year, 1858-59.							
MONTH.	I. THEOL.	II. PHILOS.	III. HISTORY.	IV. POLITICS and CMMRCE.	V. SCIENCES and ARTS.	VI. LITERATURE and POLYGRA.	TOTALS.
1858.							
September 6—30..	58	48	1,050	51	316	4,842	6,365
October .....	66	59	1,176	72	430	5,699	7,502
November .....	69	44	1,145	43	337	5,135	6,773
December .....	60	48	1,098	60	328	5,403	6,997
1859.							
January .....	58	75	1,537	61	311	5,810	7,855
February .....	45	49	1,095	47	261	4,656	6,151
March .....	74	66	1,389	50	414	5,941	7,934
April .....	49	53	987	23	197	4,678	5,987
May.....	53	48	903	35	209	4,236	5,484
June . .....	29	34	681	22	137	3,459	4,362
July.....	46	41	887	28	240	4,154	5,396
August.....	38	29	699	23	183	3,671	4,643
	645	592	12,647	518	3,363	57,684	75,419



## BOOKS IN DEMAND.

Amongst other books issued from the Lending Department at Camp Field, the following appear, from the entries on the label in each volume, to have been issued during the year, the respective numbers of times stated below.

CLASS.—THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY.	Number of issues in the year.*
Taylor's Holy Living and Dying .....	22
Combe's Phrenology .....	19
Cicero's Offices or Moral Duties .....	16
Obligations of the World to the Bible .....	14
Chalmers' Evidences of the Christian Religion.....	15
Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation .....	13
Reid on the Human Mind .....	13
Horne's Introduction to the Scriptures .....	12
HISTORY, &c.	
Life of Wellington .....	40
" Nelson.....	32
Wellington in Private Life.....	31
Mutiny of the Bounty .....	35
Voyage up the Amazon .....	28
Macaulay's History of England .....	27
Macaulay's Lord Clive .....	25
Gilham's Travels in Mexico .....	24
Life of Cromwell.....	23
Chappell's Newfoundland .....	22
Gilbart's History of Banking .....	15
SCIENCES, ARTS, &c.	
Jardine's Naturalist's Library, (Mammalia) .....	28
Hoblyn on the Steam Engine .....	25
Lardner " .....	22
Murray on Marine Engines .....	21
Field's Grammar of Colouring .....	24
O'Gorman's Arithmetic .....	24
Thompson's Chemistry .....	20
Fowne's " .....	19
Berthollet on Dying ..	20
Haddon's Book-keeping .....	17
Kelly's " .....	15
MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE.	
Canterbury Tales .....	53
Household Words .....	36
Knight's Penny Magazine .....	35
Chambers's Journal.....	30
The Mirror .....	21
Chambers's Cyclopædia of English Literature .....	15
Chambers's Miscellany, (vol. 10) .....	37



BOOKS IN DEMAND.—(*Continued.*)

MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE.	Number of issues in the year.*
Dickens's Dombey and Son .....	51
Dickens's Sketches by Boz.....	37
Dickens's Bleak House .....	35
Scott's Ivanhoe .....	48
Scott's Tales of my Landlord .....	47
Scott's Peveril of the Peak .....	44
Brunton's Self-Control .....	41
Thackeray's Virginians .....	31
Thackeray's Pendennis .....	29
Lytton's Last of the Barons .....	25
Lever's Roland Cashel .....	30
Ainsworth's Miser's Daughter .....	29
Gaskell's Mary Barton .....	30
Burns's Life and Works, (Centenary Year) .....	48
Moore's Lalla Rookh .....	32
Shakspeare's Plays .....	24

TABLE XIII.

## ADMISSIONS TO BORROW BOOKS.

	Borrowers' Cards Issued.	Borrowers' Cards Cancelled.
First year .....	4,841	63
Second year.....	2,163	72
Third year.....	2,057	76
Fourth year.....	2,047	140
Fifth year.....	2,376	148
Sixth year .....	1,808	163
Seventh year.....	1,315	130
	16,607	792

Twelve of the Borrowers whose cards have been cancelled during the year, have lost their privilege by the withdrawal of their Guarantors from liability; the remainder have lost their privilege by infringement of the rules.

Thirty volumes have been lost by Borrowers during the year. The Borrowers have paid for eighteen of these volumes, Guarantors for ten; the payment is promised for other three. In the case of one volume, it is feared that the book, or its value, may not be recovered.

Eighteen volumes have been damaged by Borrowers and compensation paid.

\* The number of issues applies to a single volume when it is one of a set.

## NEWSPAPERS.

The news-room at Camp-field has been furnished during the year with the following publications :—\*

DAILY PAPERS.—The *Manchester Guardian*, 7 copies (2 copies presented by the publishers), the *Manchester Examiner and Times*, 6 copies (2 copies presented by the publishers), the *Times*, 3 copies, the *Daily News*, the *Liverpool Mercury*, and the *Liverpool Shipping List*, 1 copy each.

WEEKLY PAPERS.—*Manchester Courier*, 2 copies (presented by the publishers), *Manchester Advertiser*, 2 copies, *Manchester Weekly Times*, 1 copy (presented), the *Alliance*, 6 copies (presented by the publishers), the *Midland Counties Herald* (presented by the publishers), the *Economist* (presented, in continuation, by Mr. Heald), the *Nonconformist* (presented, as before, by Messrs. Holt), the *Inquirer*, the *Salford Weekly News*, and the *Blackburn Weekly Times* (presented respectively by their publishers).

Copies of the following additional publications are also received :—The *Cape and Natal News* and the *Canadian News* (presented by Messrs. Algar and Street, London), the *Herald of Peace* (presented by the Peace Society), *Meliora*, 2 copies (presented by the United Kingdom Alliance), the *Financial Reformer* (presented by the Financial Reform Association), the *Cotton Supply Reporter*, 3 copies (presented by the Cotton Supply Association), *Knight's Official Advertiser* (presented), the *Church of the People*, 2 copies (presented), the *British Workman* and the *Band of Hope Review*, 2 copies each (presented by Messrs. Anderson and Son), *Heywood's Railway Guide* (presented). Parcels of the *North American and United States Gazette*, the *Montreal Weekly Gazette*, the *Globe* (Toronto), the *Graham's Town Journal*, the *Argus* (Melbourne), and other Colonial papers, continue to be obligingly forwarded by the Directors of the Manchester Athenæum.

Copies are also occasionally received from the publishers, of the *Hull Packet*, the *Free Press*, the *Cottage Gardener*, the *Newcastle Guardian*, and *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*, and other papers.

The acknowledgements of the Committee are due to these donors of periodicals, and especially to the proprietors of the Manchester papers, referred to in the list, for their continued generous contributions.

## TABLE XIV.

CATALOGUE.—SALES, 1858-59.

	Number Sold.	Amount Received.
Chief Library—Lending Department :		
Complete Catalogues sold .....	197	7 7 9
Sections “ .....	175	1 10 8½
	372	£8 18 5½

\* The *Athenæum*, the *Commissioner of Patents' Journal* (presented), the *Engineer*, the *Gazette*, the *Mechanics' Magazine*, *Notes and Queries*, and the *Spectator*, are taken for the Reference Department.

Of complete copies of the Catalogue in this Department 1,946 have been sold since its publication to the 5th September last, and 2,268 separate sections. The aggregate receipts for these have amounted to £92. 17s. 1d.

The remainder of the first edition of the Lending Library Catalogue is being sold off at a reduced price, and a new edition, which is urgently called for, is in course of preparation. It will be published in the course of the current year, and will increase the usefulness of this Department.

The following additions have been made during the year to the books in this Department:—

TABLE XV.  
ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING LIBRARY.

CLASS.	Vols.
I. II. THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY .....	54
III. HISTORY, &c. ....	120
IV. POLITICS AND COMMERCE .....	30
V. SCIENCES AND ARTS .....	78
VI. LITERATURE AND POLYGRAPHY .....	282
FOR REPLACEMENT OF WORN-OUT BOOKS .....	253
TOTAL.....	817

### III.—THE HULME BRANCH.

TABLE XVI.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE ISSUES FROM THE HULME BRANCH, FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1859.

Second Year, 1858—59.						
MONTH.	Classes I. and II. THEOLOGY and PHILOSOPHY	Class III. HISTORY.	Class IV. POLITICS and COMMERCE.	Class V. SCIENCES and ARTS.	Class VI. LITERATURE and POLYGRPHY.	TOTALS.
1858.						
Sept. 6—30.....	29	815	7	109	2,604	3,564
October .....	71	1,319	12	246	4,439	6,087
November .....	70	1,639	17	306	4,689	6,721
December .....	64	1,287	14	221	4,100	5,686
1859.						
January .....	91	1,405	12	282	4,797	6,587
February .....	60	1,445	17	251	4,637	6,410
March .....	51	1,114	13	191	3,940	5,309
April .....	69	1,311	21	223	4,662	6,286
May.....	43	1,172	12	200	4,051	5,478
June .....	27	684	10	108	2,811	3,640
July.....	46	979	6	179	4,035	5,245
August .....	68	1,040	17	200	4,011	5,336
September 1—5.	9	190	1	33	649	882
	698	14,400	159	2,549	49,425	67,231

Examples of the issues for the year in the different classes :—

	Times.		Times.
Prout's Bridgewater Treatise.....	20	Dixon's Life of William Penn ...	28
Chalmer's " " .....	14	Southey's Life of Nelson .....	35
Kitto's Geography of the Holy		Wilberforce's Brazil, &c. ....	35
Land .....	17	Traveller's Library, Vol. 1.....	34
Fichte's Nature of the Scholar...	13	Pauli's Alfred the Great.....	33
Adshead's Prisons and Prisoners..	17	Pfeiffer's Second Journey Round	
Mill's Political Economy .....	10	the World .....	31
Overman's Mechanics.....	30	Dickens's American Notes.....	27
Handbook of Games .....	28	Macauley's History of England...	25
Kingsley's Glaucus.....	24	De Quincey's Michael Angelo and	
Smith's Geology and Scripture... 22		Raphael .....	24
Jardine's Naturalist's Library—		Haydon's Autobiography .....	20
Mammalia .....	20	Roscoe's Benvenuto Cellini .....	15
Jardine's Naturalist's Library—		Hook's Ail in the Wrong .....	48
Entomology .....	12	Rose Clara (Fanny Fern) .....	47
Lardner's Illustrations of Science		Ainsworth's Guy Faukes .....	45
and Art .....	17	Lytton's Paul Clifford .....	43
Bechstein's Cage Birds .....	17	Cooper's Afloat and Ashore .....	42
Harris's Galvanism .....	15	Lever's O'Donoghue .....	40
Halleur's Photography .....	15	Scott's Heart of Midlothian .....	39
Food of Mau .....	15	Dickens's Pickwick.....	37
Ruskin's Architecture & Painting	14	Muloch's The Ogilvies .....	36
Barker's Mechanism .....	13	Swift's Gulliver's Travels .....	36
Barker's Anecdotes of Charles II.	49	Bronte's Shirley.....	35
Irving's Tour on the Prairies.....	41	Crowe's Susan Hopley .....	35
Head's Rough Notes .....	40	Gaskell's Ruth .....	34
Irving's Captain Bonneville .....	40	Grant's Aide-de-Camp .....	31
Dixon's Life of Admiral Blake... 36		Radcliffe's The Italian .....	31

The Library has been open for the Issue of Books on 298 days; the average daily issue hence appears to have been about 226 volumes.

TABLE XVII.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOOKS AT THE HULME BRANCH.

CLASS.	Vols.
I. II. THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY .....	94
III. HISTORY, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHY .....	1,378
IV. POLITICS AND COMMERCE .....	66
V. SCIENCES AND ARTS .....	361
VI. LITERATURE AND POLYGRAPHY .....	2,243
	4,142

Estimating the average number of volumes available for the service of Readers at 3,700, each volume appears to have been issued about eighteen times.

About 293 volumes have been added during the year to the Hulme Branch Library; the larger portion of which have been presented by local donors. These Donations, which are acknowledged in the General List of Donations in this Report (*see Appendix A*), include a number of valuable works; amongst others Ree's Cyclopædia, 39 vols., 4to; Belsham's History of Great Britain, 12 vols.;



Miss Martineau's *Tales Illustrative of Political Economy*, 20 vols.; a parcel of 12 vols. of the works of Mary Howitt, N. Hawthorne, and other writers; sets of Chambers's *Miscellany and Papers for the People*.

During the year twenty-one volumes have been lost by Borrowers. Of these thirteen have been paid for by the Borrowers themselves, and three by their Guarantors. Of the remaining volumes, two will not be replaced.

BORROWERS.—The number of persons admitted to borrow books from this Branch was

In 1857-58.....	2,608
In 1858-59.....	1,266
	<hr/> 3,874

During the past year the tickets of 26 borrowers have been cancelled: 17 on account of removal, 6 from withdrawal of guarantors from liability, and 3 for infringement of rules.

CATALOGUES.—During the past year 545 Catalogues have been sold, at the publishing price of 4d. each. The number sold since the opening of the Branch has been 1,720, for which £28. 13s. 4d. has been received.

The reading-room at this Branch is supplied with the *Manchester Guardian* and *Manchester Examiner and Times*, 4 copies each, the *Times*, the *Morning Star*, the *Liverpool Mercury*, the *Illustrated Times*, the *Manchester Weekly Times*, the *Manchester Courier*, the *Manchester Advertiser*, *Chambers' Journal*, *Once a-week*, *London Journal*, and *Cassell's Paper*.

Arrangements have been made for improving the ventilation of the reading-room.

#### IV.—ANCOATS BRANCH.

TABLE XVIII.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE ISSUES FROM THE ANCOATS BRANCH FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1859.

Second Year, 1858-59.						
MONTH.	I. II. THEOLOGY and PHILOSOPHY	III. HISTORY.	IV. POLITICS and COMMERCE.	V SCIENCES and ARTS.	VI. LITERATURE.	TOTAL.
1858.						
September 6—30	51	768	23	210	2,220	3,272
October .....	63	769	31	180	2,443	3,486
November .....	74	979	30	252	2,992	4,327
December .....	61	1,011	36	237	3,047	4,392
1859.						
January .....	49	839	22	202	2,566	3,678
February .....	58	970	43	265	3,090	4,426
March .....	59	1,307	49	312	3,407	5,134
April .....	61	859	19	189	2,632	3,760
May .....	63	931	30	214	2,787	4,025
June .....	50	820	19	182	2,434	3,505
July .....	49	746	25	155	2,322	3,297
August .....	53	817	29	190	2,676	3,765
September 1—5.	7	114	5	27	406	559
	698	10,930	361	2,615	33,022	47,626



The subjoined books were issued during the year as under :—

	Times.		Times.
Prout's Bridgewater Treatise ...	19	Macauley's Essays, 3rd vol. ....	20
Kitto's Scripture Lands.....	18	Miller's (H.) First Impressions of	
Orsini's Dungeons in Italy .....	42	England .....	20
Days of Battle, Waterloo, &c. ...	41	Guizot's Civilization, 1st vol.....	13
Hillier's Charles I. in the Isle of		Knight's Cyclopædia of Industry. 17	
Wight.....	34	Walton's Complete Angler.....	23
Irving's Tour on the Prairies ...	32	Buffon's Natural History, 1st vol..	21
Lanman's Angler in Canada.....	31	Rudimentary Chemistry .....	20
Southey's Lives of British Ad-		Schowe's Earth, Plants, and Men 17	
mirals .....	27	Harris's Galvanism .....	14
Victories of Wellington.....	25	Marryatt's Pacha of Many Tales..	53
Louis Napoleon's Life and Works,		Shakespeare's Macbeth .....	53
1st vol.....	25	Maxwell's Stories of Waterloo ...	46
Macauley's History of England. 25		Chamier's Ben Brace.....	45
Humboldt's Travels, 1st vol.....	25	Scott's Legend of Montrose .....	40
Klapka's War in Hungary.....	24	Lytton's Leila .....	39
War of Sicilian Vespers .....	24	Scott's Rob Roy, 1st vol.....	36
Moore's Life of Sheridan, 1st vol. 23		Cooper's Headsman .....	35
Craik's Pursuit of Knowledge ...	23	Bronte's Jane Eyre .....	26

The average daily issue for the year is 161 volumes, the Library having been open for the issue of books on 295 days.

TABLE XIX.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOOKS AT THE ANCOATS BRANCH.

CLASS.	Vols.
I. II. THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY .....	127
III. HISTORY, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHY .....	1,789
IV. POLITICS AND COMMERCE .....	60
V. SCIENCES AND ARTS .....	460
VI. LITERATURE AND POLYGRAPHY .....	1,963
	4,399

The number of volumes which has been available for the service of readers is estimated at 3,700 ; each volume has therefore been issued about 13 times.

One hundred and sixty-four volumes, including a few donations of books, have been added during the year.

The number of persons admitted to borrow books during the year from the Ancoats Branch, is 1,010. The number admitted from the commencement, is 3,294. Of these, five have been cancelled—one by withdrawal of the Guarantor, and four from infringement of the rules. A number of the cards issued have lapsed from the Borrowers having left the locality.

For the year, eight volumes have been lost by Borrowers. The Borrowers have paid for seven of these, and a Guarantor for one volume. In the previous year, two volumes were lost, both of which were paid for by the Borrowers.

Compensation for injury to books—thirty-six volumes during the past year—has been paid by Borrowers; and during the previous year compensation was paid for damage to 75 vols.

The Reading Room at Ancoats is supplied with the *Manchester Guardian* and *Examiner* and *Times*, four copies of each, *Manchester Courier*, *Weekly Times*, and *Advertiser*, two copies each, the *Times*, the *Liverpool Mercury*, the *London Journal*, *All the Year Round*, the *Family Herald*, *Chambers's Journal*, the *Leisure Hour*, and the *British Workman*.

The ventilation of the Reading Room at this Branch also, shall, it has been arranged, be immediately attended to.

### V.—ROCHDALE ROAD BRANCH.

The erection of the premises in Livesey-street is rapidly progressing towards completion; and this additional Branch—a fourth Lending department—will be opened for the public service in a few months. The cost of the building will be defrayed out of the annual resources of the Committee.

(By order,)

R. W. SMILES,

Principal Librarian.

*Manchester, October 21st, 1859.*

[APPENDIX A.]

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DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1859.

From H.R.H. the PRINCE CONSORT:—

On the Applications of Water Glass in the Arts. By Prof. F. Ruhlman. 6 *copies*.

On the Manufacture, Properties, and Application of Water Glass, &c., including a process of Stereochromic Painting. By Dr. J. N. Von Fuchs. 6 *copies*.

From Mr. Councillor John LEIGH:—

Cruden, Alexander, M.A. A Complete Concordance to the Holy Scriptures, &c. (4to.)

Chambers' Cyclopædia of English Literature. 2 vols. (8vo.)

Chambers' Information for the People. 2 vols. (8vo.)

From the COMMITTEE, Edinburgh:—

Catalogue of the Edinburgh Subscription Library, with five Supplements (8vo.)

From the AUTHOR:—

Suffolk (U.S.) Surnames. By N. J. Bowditch, Esq., Boston, U.S. (8vo.)

From T. B. POTTER, Esq.:—

Rees' Cyclopædia. 39 vols. (4to.)

Belsham's History of England. 12 vols. (8vo.)

Levi's Commercial Law. 3 vols. (4to.)

History of the Speculative Society of Edinburgh. (4to.)

McDonald's Dictionary of Gardening. 2 vols. (4to.)

Life of Bishop Heber. 2 vols. (4to.)

The Botanic Garden. (4to.)

Prince Albert's Speeches. 3 *copies*. (4to.)

Johnson's Dictionary. 4 vols. (8vo.)

Brown's Philosophy of the Human Mind. (8vo.)

The Gilbert Prize Essay on Arts and Banking. (8vo.)

Dunkley's Charter of the Nations. (8vo.)

Baines's History of Liverpool. (8vo.)

Prentice's Manchester. 2 *copies*. (8vo.)

Prentice's History of the League. 2 *copies*. (8vo.)

Swain's Poems. (8vo.)

Rogerson's Musings in many Moods. (8vo.)

Waugh's Lancashire Poems and Songs. 4 *copies*.

Riding's Poems. 2 *copies*.

Prince's Poems.

Richardson's Poems.

Freeland's Poems.

Life of Ebenezer Elliott.

Bowring's Poetry of the Magyars.

Bamford's Poems.

Kenworthy's Poems.

De La Beche's Geological Manual.

Begg's Juvenile Depravity. (8vo.)

Brock's Life of Havelock.

Lord Mahon,—Narrative of the "45" (8vo)

Hickey's American Constitution. (8vo.)

4 *Copies*, Engraving, (framed.) Portrait of the late Sir Thomas Potter.

3 *Copies*, (framed.) Photograph from bust of the late Sir John Potter, M.P.

121 Pamphlets and Papers, County and Local Reports, &c., &c.

Photograph, (glazed.) Portrait of the late Sir John Potter, M.P.

Smedley's Hydropathy.

20 Pamphlets (various).

5 Parts Hansard's Debates.

Wilson's Scripture Illustrations of Unitarianism. 2 *copies*. (8vo.)

The Unitarian Chronicle. 3 vols. (8vo.)

Beard's Grounds and Objects of Religious Knowledge. 2 vols. (8vo.)

Knowles's Balance of the Scripture Evidence on Trinitarianism and Unitarianism. 3 vols. (8vo.)

Prisoners of Hope.

Penn's No Cross, No Crown.

Lardner's Cabinet Cyclopædia. 2 vols., with 52 other vols.

Chevalier's Treatise on Gold. 2 *copies*. (8vo.)

Set of the Parliamentary Blue Books and Papers for Sessions 1857 and part of 1858, amounting to about 2000 issues.

From William FAIRBAIRN, Esq., C.E., F.R.S. :—

5 Pamphlets. I. On the Resistance of Tubes to Collapse. II. Description of a Floating Corn Mill. III. Description of the Sliding Caisson at Keyham Dockyard. IV. Experiments to determine the Properties of some Mixtures of Cast Iron and Nickel. V. Three Lectures on the Rise and Progress of Mechanical Engineering.

From Mr. David BREWSTER, Bold-street, Hulme. (For Hulme Branch.):—

Mason's Self Knowledge.

Reid's Chemistry.

Australia. How to Farm and Settle.

Napoleon I. Remarkable Events in career of.

The Poems of Crabbe, Gray, and Collins.

From Lord OVERSTONE :—

A select collection of scarce and valuable Tracts on Commerce, from the originals of Evelyn, Defoe, &c. (8vo.)

From the COMMITTEE, Liverpool :—

Financial Reform Association Tracts.

From Mrs. ALDCROFT, Russell-street, Hulme. (For Hulme Branch):—

Christian Witness. 2 vols. (8vo)

From Mrs. Margaret NEILD, Cook-street, Hulme. (For Hulme Branch):—

Chambers's Miscellany. 20 vols.

From Mr. GRATRICK, Renshaw-street, Hulme. (For Hulme Branch):—

Prose Fiction. 20 vols.

From Mr. WADDINGTON, 39, Tamworth-street, Hulme. (For Hulme Branch):—

Cooke's Universal Geography. 2 vols. (4to.) And other Books.

From Mr. William PATERSON :—

Report of the Proceedings on the Trial of Redford, *versus* Birley and others,  
at Lancaster, with Plan of St. Peter's Field, &c. (8vo.)

From the Author, H. S. STOKES, Truro :—

Echoes of the War, and other Poems.

From Mr. HOLMES, Mulberry-street, Hulme. (For Hulme Branch):—

Walker on Ventilation.

From David CHADWICK, Esq. :—

3 Pamphlets—Parliamentary Reform, &c.

From J. A. TURNER, Esq., M.P. :—

55 Folio Blue Books.

6 Octavo Blue Books.

25 other Parliamentary Papers.

6 Books and Pamphlets; various.

From Thomas BAZLEY, Esq., M.P. :—

33 Folio Blue Books.

10 Octavo Blue Books.

1723 other Parliamentary Papers.

Trade and Commerce, National Education, The Labour of Life. Three  
Lectures, 2 copies each.

Cataloghi del Museo Campana. (4to.)

From Joseph THOMSON, Esq. :—

Theory and Practice of Midwifery.

Home Truths.

Tracts, miscellaneous. 6 vols.

Great World of London. 9 parts.

Memoir on Ireland.

Saturday Review. 4 vols.

From Edward LOXD, Junr., Esq., 37, King-street :—

Portrait in Oil. By Bradley, of Wm. Macready, Tragedian.

From Mr. Councillor Matthew CURTIS :—

Edinburgh Review, Nos. 133 to 210, being from January, 1839, to October,  
1857. 39 vols.

Burn's Justice. 4 vols. (8vo.)



Pigot's Pocket Atlas Topography of England. 22 numbers.

28 Books (various), chiefly Educational.

PAMPHLETS :—

20 Fiscal, Commercial, &c.

20 Reports, &c., of the Manchester Educational and Literary Institutions.

9 Manchester Ecclesiastical Affairs.

18 Miscellaneous.

From Mr. William PROBERT (the Author):—

The Ancient Laws of Cambria. Translated from the Welsh. (8vo.)

Essays on the Lives of Cowper, Newton, and Heber.

From John HARLAND, Esq.:—

The Tree of the Commonwealth. By Edward Dudley, Esq. (4to.)

From John PEISER, Esq.:—

Poland. By N. F. Zaba. 4 copies.

From Dr. B. A. GOULD, Jun., Cambridge, Mass.:—

Defence and Reply, &c. The Astronomical Journal, in continuation. (4to.)

From the SECRETARY OF WAR, Washington, U. S.:—

Vols. II. to IX., Report of Explorations and Surveys for a Railroad from the Mississippi to the Pacific. (4to.) With numerous fine Illustrations.

From the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, Washington, U.S.:—

Vols. I. to III.; Report of the Commissioner for 1856. Arts and Manufactures. 3 vols. 8vo.

The same—Agriculture. 1 vol. (8vo.)

From the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, Washington :—

The Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge. Vol. 10. (4to.) Report, 1857. (8vo.) Address to the Citizens of Albany, &c. Defence of Dr. Gould, &c. Reply to the statement of the Trustees of the Dudley Observatory, &c.

From Dr. BOWMAN, Chester-road :—

5 vols. Manchester and other Newspapers. (Folio.)

From the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION for obtaining a Uniform System of Weights, &c., London :—

3 Pamphlets on Weights, &c.

From E. HERFORD, Esq., Coroner, Manchester :—

Pamphlet—The Right Holding of the Coroner's Court.

From Mr. Councillor T. D. CREWDSON. (For Hulme Branch.):—

Locke on the Understanding.

White's Profession and Pactice.

Davenport's Dictionary of Biography.

Freeman's Madagascar.

O'Brien's Danubian Principalities.

Evan's Biography of the Early Church. 2 vols.

Travels of Anacharsis. 7 vols.

Dutch in the Medway.

Dawson's (W.) Correspondence.

Ferguson's Roman Republic.

Sidney's Anecdotes.

M'Culloch's Dictionary of Commerce.

Martineau's Tales Illustrative of Political Economy. 21 vols.

M'Diarmid's Sketches from Nature.

Walton and Cotton's Angler.

Thornton's Botany.

Mirror of the Months.

Cowper's Letters. 3 vols.

Homer's Illiad and Odyssey. 4 vols.

Swain's Beauties of the Mind.

Contributions of Q.Q. 2 vols.

Burns's Poems.

Scott's Poems.

The Edinburgh Annual Register. 12 vols.

From the CAMDEN SOCIETY :—

Romance of Blonde of Oxford, and the Camden Miscellany. Vol. 4. (4to.)

From the LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY :—

48 British and Irish Provincial Newspapers, various.

From Mr. J. W. HARPER :—

Last of the Barons.

Rejected Addresses.

From the SOCIETY :—

Proceedings of the Zoological Society, pp. 241—383, with Title Page and Index to part 26, also part 1, 1859.

From the SOCIETY :—

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society. Vol. 17, part 1.

From the SOCIETY :—

Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society. Nos. 3, 4, vol. 5.

From the SOCIETY :—

Proceedings of the Royal Astronomical Society. Nos. 1 to 9, vol. 19, and Journal, December 7th, 1858.

From Messrs. THOM and SONS, Dublin :—

Thom's Almanac and Official Directory, for 1859. (8vo.)

From the COMMITTEE :—

Catalogue, Supplements, and Report of the London Library. (8vo.)

From the COTTON SUPPLY ASSOCIATION :—

4 Pamphlets on Cotton Supply.

From Robert BARBOUR, Esq. :—

Kingsmill's Prisons and Prisoners, and Missions and Missionaries. 2 vols. (8vo.)

From Mr. CORNISH, Birmingham :—

The Provincial Magazine.

From the COUNCIL :—

Memoirs of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester.

From the COUNCIL :—

Vol. X., Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire,  
1857-58.

From the COUNCIL :—

Journal of the Royal Dublin Society. Nos. 9 to 14.

From the Executive Committee of the ART TREASURES' EXHIBITION :—

Report. 4 copies.

From Mrs. Sarah SMITH. (For Hulme Branch) :—

English Hearts and English Hands.

Memorials of Captain H. Vicars.

Presented Anonymously :—

The Quakers or Friends, their Rise and Decline.

The New Fieric Colomne, &c., 1649. (Folio.)

Deacon's Adventures of a Bashful Irishman.

Taylor's Confessions of a Thug.

Jerrold's Magazine.

Hobbs and Dobbs.

Lover's Rory O'More, and 5 others.

## [APPENDIX B.]

### CONTRIBUTIONS BY PUBLISHERS TO THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

From Messrs. W. and R. CHAMBERS, Edinburgh :—

A set of "Chambers' Educational Course," numbering 108 books, and 31  
Maps, Illustrations, and Lesson Sheets.

From Messrs. W. and R. JOHNSTON, Edinburgh :—

5 Cases of mounted Maps and Illustrations, with Hand-books and 2 mounted  
Maps.

From the Committee of the RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY :—

40 vols. "Educational Series," the double monthly vols., and others in  
Natural History, &c.

From Messrs. LONGMAN, BROWN, GREEN, and Co., London :—

29 vols. and series or sets of Educational Books.

From Messrs. SIMPKIN, MARSHALL, and Co., London :—

29 vols. and series or sets of Educational Books.

From Messrs. Thomas CONSTABLE and Co., Edinburgh :—

"Constable's Educational Series," and other Books. 18 vols.

From Messrs. J. W. PARKER & SON, London :—

81 vols. and series or sets of Educational Books.

From Messrs. CASSELL, PETTER, and GALPIN, London :—

A set of "Cassell's Educational Works," and other Books. 41 vols.

From Messrs. DARTON and Co., London :—

56 Educational Books, or sets of Books, and Prints.

From Messrs. A. HALL, VIRTUE, and Co., London :—

20 Educational Books.

From Mr. Edward STANFORD, London :—

12 Maps (Library), Atlases, and Books, for the Educational Department.

From Messrs. MACMILLAN and Co., Cambridge :—

19 Educational Books.

From Messrs. WARD and LOCK, London :—

14 Educational Books.

From Messrs. OLIVER and BOYD, Edinburgh :—

92 Educational Books and sets of Books.

From Messrs. THOM and SONS, Dublin :—

A set of the Irish National School Books. 35 vols.

From Messrs. DEAN and SON, London :—

20 Educational Books.

From Mr. David NUTT, London :—

67 Educational Books.

From Mr. John HEYWOOD, Manchester :—

18 Educational Books, and 1 Plate (Steam Engine).

From Mr. James WYLD, Geographer to the Queen, London :—

9 mounted Library and School Maps.

From W. B. HODGSON, Esq., LL.D. :—

Classical Instruction, &c.

## [APPENDIX C.]

## EDUCATIONAL DEPOT.

*Copies of Letter to the Committee and Resolution thereon.*

*Manchester, February 24th, 1859.*

*To the Chairman and Committee of the Manchester Free Libraries.*

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned, who are professionally engaged, or actively interested, in the work of practical instruction, respectfully suggest the addition of an *Educational* Section to the Reference Department of the Manchester Free Library ; such section to consist of Class and School Books, Maps, Diagrams, and other educational apparatus, which should be separately arranged and catalogued, the publishers' names being given in the catalogue in this special case

The establishment, in connection with the Manchester Free Library, of a public Dépôt, under due regulations, for educational publications, with perfect freedom of access, and facilities for examination of the specimens, would, we are persuaded, prove of great service, and would be eagerly taken advantage of by the professional men and others interested in practical instruction, in a district which, with the immediately adjacent towns, contains a population of not less than a million persons.

We are aware that the *purchase* of such books, &c., for the accomplishment of what may seem a special and class, rather than a general and public advantage, may not be considered within your legitimate sphere; but we venture to think, that if you are ready to undertake the reception, arrangement, safe custody, and exhibition of such contributions, educational publishers will readily furnish them.

The booksellers' shops (without disparagement to the trade) cannot offer the advantages which would be secured by the establishment of such a repository, nor can they escape the disadvantages from which it would be free. It would furnish a ready and efficient channel by which publishers might bring their issues under the notice of those most directly interested, and would afford a much more thorough and reliable means of ascertaining the respective merits of educational publications than the advertisements and "notices" which appear in educational and other journals.

Hoping that this communication may receive your favourable consideration,

We are, GENTLEMEN,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed)

C. Richson, M.A., Canon of Manchester.

John R. Beard, D.D.

J. G. Greenwood, Owens College (Principal), Manchester.

Henry E. Roscoe, Owens College, Manchester.

John Kendall, B.A.

Joseph Moss, New Jerusalem Schools, Manchester (above) 600 pupils.

Benjamin Templar, Model Secular School,	350	"
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George Smith, Lower Mosley-street,	280	"
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Ed. Yates, St. Mark's, Hulme,	90	"
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J. Thompson, Cavendish-street,	160	"
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Reuben Seddon, All Saints', Chorlton-on-Medlock,	350	"
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James Aspinall, St. George's, Hulme	120	"
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Wm. Ford, St. Bartholomew's,	150	"
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Jno. S. Hagger, Hope Chapel, Salford,	200	"
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Thos. Porter, Holy Trinity, Hulme,	210	"
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Timothy Anderson, North-street West.

Alex. Mc.Kenzie, Presbyterian Schools, Grosvenor-square, 295	"
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John Watson, Renshaw-street Academy,

John Edwards, Presbyterian Schools, Salford,	400	"
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William Hindshaw, Christ Church Schools, Hope-street, 550 pupils.

William Sharratt, Model School, Salford.

James Hall, St. John's Schools, Gartside-street.

James Dawson, St. Matthew's Schools, &c., &c.

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*Resolution adopted by the Chief Library Sub-Committee, at a meeting held February 28th, and confirmed by the Free Libraries Committee, at a meeting held March 4th, 1859 :—*

*Resolved*,—That, subject to their available means of accommodation for the purpose stated, and reserving power of selection with respect to Specimen Books, &c. to be admitted, the Committee assent to the request contained in the letter of the Rev. Canon Richson and others, and hereby instruct the Librarian to send a copy of the letter just read and of this resolution, with such additional information as may be necessary, to the principal educational publishers of the United Kingdom; and also that he take the necessary steps for the reception, arrangement, and exhibition, subject to the approval of the Committee, of such educational books, or other apparatus, as may be contributed from time to time.

#### CIRCULAR TO EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS.

*Chief Library, Camp Field, Manchester.*

Herewith are copies of a letter recently received by the Manchester Free Libraries Committee, and of a resolution adopted by the Committee thereupon.

The Committee acceded without hesitation to a request made by gentlemen so well entitled to consideration as representatives of the practical educators of the district, and because of the well-known general and strong desire existing for the establishment of a permanent educational exhibition. They were also influenced by the fact that a nucleus has already been formed by contributions from several eminent publishers of their respective series of educational works.

It rests now with publishers whether the proposed scheme shall assume such a character as to accomplish, fully, the purpose intended, and increase, at the same time, the issues of meritorious publications. Believing that public advantage and the interests of publishers will be collaterally promoted by the proposed scheme, the Committee do not hesitate to invite contributions from the leading educational publishers, and they are desirous that *your* firm may be fairly represented in their proposed *permanent educational exhibition*.

A catalogue of the department is in course of preparation, and as soon as certain preliminary arrangements (which are in a forward state) have been completed, notification will be made that it is open for public inspection.

If you should think proper to send specimens of any of your issues, a few copies of your Catalogue, for Library service, would greatly facilitate the object in view.

I have the honour to be,

Your most obedient servant,

R. W. SMILES,

Principal Librarian.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

I.—THE LIBRARIAN shall have the general charge of the Libraries, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and of all other property belonging thereto.

II.—The LIBRARY OF REFERENCE shall be open to the Public gratuitously every day,—Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday excepted, and for three days at each stated quarterly period for examination of the books and cleaning the premises,—from the hour of Ten in the morning to Nine in the evening; and the LENDING LIBRARY from the hour of Twelve at Noon to the hour of Nine in the evening, daily.

III.—Every person, on entering the LIBRARY OF REFERENCE, or on being admitted to borrow books from any of the LENDING DEPARTMENTS, shall write, or cause to be written, his or her name and address, in a book to be provided in each room for that purpose; and it shall be the duty of the person in charge of each department respectively, to see that this regulation is invariably complied with; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations; and without it, no person shall be allowed to obtain any book.

IV.—No person shall be admitted who is intoxicated, or in an uncleanly condition; nor shall any audible conversation be permitted in either of the Libraries; nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments therein;—and any person who shall offend against these regulations, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

V.—No person shall be allowed to pass within the enclosure in the LENDING LIBRARY, or to take any Book from the shelves of the REFERENCE LIBRARY, except by permission of the Librarian; and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Reference Library.

VI.—Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the REFERENCE LIBRARY for the use of the readers. Each reader shall sign a receipt for every book delivered to him, and shall, before leaving the room, return such book or books into the hands of the Librarian, or of his assistant.

VII.—Two or more Catalogues shall also be provided for the use of the public in the Chief Lending Library, and one Catalogue at each of the Branch Libraries; but no person shall be allowed to borrow a book from the Library without first obtaining the signatures and addresses of two ratepayers whose names appear either on the city roll of Manchester, or on the burgess roll of Salford, to the following voucher:—

“We, A— B—, of                      in the ward of — and C— D—, of                      in  
 “the ward of— declare that we believe E— F—, of                      in the                      to be a  
 “person to whom books may safely be entrusted for perusal; and we hereby undertake to  
 “replace any book belonging to the CORPORATION OF MANCHESTER which shall be lost or  
 “materially injured by the said E— F—.”  
 (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

“Dated this                      day of                      18                      .”

“When either of the persons who may have signed this engagement shall desire to withdraw from  
 “it, he must give notice thereof in writing to the Librarian, who will give a release as soon as he  
 “shall have ascertained that no liability has been incurred.”

This voucher must have been delivered to the Librarian three days before the first issue of books to the person recommended; and all books borrowed must be returned to the Library within the time specified on the respective covers thereof, under the penalties therein stated; and if in any case six months shall have elapsed between the due return of a book lent and the application for another, and in cases of borrowers losing their cards, a fresh voucher must be produced, as on the first application.

VIII.—The Librarian shall carefully examine, or cause to be examined, each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury or damage, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered, or his guarantors, to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value; and in the latter case such person shall be entitled to the damaged copy on depositing the new one.

IX.—If any person to whom a book shall have been delivered in the REFERENCE LIBRARY shall not re-deliver the same to the Librarian or his assistant before leaving the room, or if any borrower shall not return to the LENDING LIBRARY, within due time, the book or books lent to him, or shall refuse or neglect to pay on demand, the amount of any loss, damage, or injury, or to procure another copy as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss, damage, or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from the person or persons as aforesaid, as a debt, in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester shall be the plaintiffs; and the fact of their being the persons entitled, shall be taken to be admitted by the defendant.

X.—The two last preceding rules shall likewise be enforced, so far as the same are applicable, in cases where any damage or injury shall have been done to any other property in the Libraries.

XI.—All Books borrowed from the Lending Departments of the Chief and Branch Libraries must be returned, irrespective of the time allowed for reading, at the respective quarterly dates specified on the printed labels at the beginning of each book. Borrowers neglecting to comply with this regulation shall risk the forfeiture of their privilege of borrowing books.

XII.—The Librarian shall have power to refuse books to any reader or borrower who shall neglect to comply with the rules and regulations of the Library; but any person so refused shall have liberty to appeal to the Library Committee.

XIII.—No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the REFERENCE LIBRARY.

(By order)

R. W. SMILES,

Principal Librarian.

